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Action dated April 8, 2003. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicate that claims 1-3 and 9-14 are in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 4-8 based on Goodall et al in view of Allen et al and Aoai et al. In particular, the Examiner states that the "Declaration does not provide evidence of unexpected results when using a surfactant" and that "[a] comparison of the compositions with and without surfactant show the same levels of defects in that no surfactant gives a higher level of defects and with the surfactant the defects are substantially less."

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's position and the rejection of claims 4-8 based on Goodall et al in view of Allen et al and Aoai et al. Applicants respectfully submit that the evidence of record shows the unexpected improvements achieved by the present invention. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's position that the levels of defects are merely due to the use of a surfactant. See, for example, a comparison of Comparative Example b' and Comparative Example b".

Entry and consideration of the RCE, the request for suspension of action and the instant reply are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that their claimed invention is allowable and ask that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance.

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If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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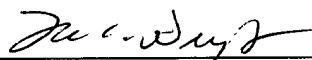
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